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**Subject:** RE: Draft Communications Document - Covanta

Hi Walter,

We have not thought about reaching out to the local government, but we could certainly raise this with NJDEP. As for a media/press release from EPA, right now, we were not planning on this. The communications document was structured for internal use in the event that we get an inquiry. With that said, we realize that OPA may have a different opinion and may want to have a media release. We are working to finalize the communications document with your input (thanks) and I believe we will be forwarding to OPA very soon.

I am happy to have a conversation if you think it would be useful. We will definitely keep you in the loop with regards to OPA interactions etc.

Look forward to hearing the perspective of your EJ experts.

Thanks.

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Hi Tim,

I hope to be able to get back to you shortly with a response to your inquiry about EJ concerns in the Rahway community. As we are thinking about this, we had a follow-up question for you. We know that ORD and/or Covanta have been in communication with the NJ Dep't. of Environmental Protection regarding the planned pilot project at the Rahway facility. What are your thoughts about prior outreach to the local government? And do you or Covanta contemplate any prior statement to the press? Let me know if you think a further discussion would be useful.

Thanks,

Walter